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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GENSCHER'S COMMENTS ON SPIEGEL ARTICLE

1. VAN WELL CALLED ME IN THIS MORNING ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM GENSCHER. HE SAID THE MINISTER WAS MOST CONCERNED OVER THE NEGATIVE COMMENTS THAT TODAY'S EDITION OF DER SPIEGEL REPORTED HIM TO HAVE MADE ABOUT PRESIDENT CARTER. THE ARTICLE, WHICH ICA IS REPORTING BY SEPTEL, CLAIMS THAT GENSCHER CALLED THE PRESIDENT A "RELIGIOUS DAY-DREAMER." VAN WELL SAID GENSCHER ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE PRESIDENT AND HIS CLOSEST ADVISORS BEING ASSURED THAT HE DID NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE ANY SUCH COMMENTS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT.

2. VAN WELL STRESSED THAT GENSCHER HAS THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR THE PRESIDENT AND PLACES GREAT VALUE ON HIS RELATIONSHIP BOTH WITH HIM AND THE US. THE REMARKS IN THE SPIEGEL IN NO WAY REFLECT HIS ATTITUDE.

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3. GENSCHER HAD ASKED VAN WELL TO DRAW OUR ATTENTION TO HIS TELEVISION INTERVIEW OF APRIL 9 (BONNER PERSPEKTIVEN). THIS INTERVIEW, IN WHICH GENSCHER REFERS TO THE "VITAL IMPORTANCE" OF US-GERMAN RELATIONS AND STRESSES THE SOLIDITY OF OUR TIES, WAS INDICATIVE OF THE MINISTER'S TRUE THINKING. (WE ARE CABLING THE TEXT OF THIS VERY POSITIVE INTERVIEW SEPARATELY).

4. IN ADDITION, VAN WELL GAVE ME THE TEXT OF A
RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE FDP FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD
WHICH MET UNDER GENSCHER'S CHAIRMANSHIP THIS MORNING
IN BONN. THE RESOLUTION:

-- STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF NATO FOR EUROPEAN
SECURITY,

-- EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE AND
FRIENDLY GERMAN-AMERICAN COOPERATION IN ALL
AREAS,

-- SUPPORTS THE INTENTION OF THE FRG TO WORK
ACTIVELY WITHIN NATO FOR PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT
BASED ON PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION ON ERW, AND

-- EXPRESSES THE EXPECTATION THAT THE SOVIET
UNION AND ITS ALLIES WILL ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO
THE SUCCESS OF SUCH DISARMAMENT EFFORTS.

4. PARALLEL TO MY MEETING WITH VAN WELL, KLAUS
KINKEL, ONE OF GENSCHER'S CLOSEST AIDES, CALLED THE
EMBASSY TO REPEAT THESE SAME POINTS AT THE BEHEST OF

THE MINISTER.

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